

Partnership Program Descriptions

Vision

Puget Sound is a healthy, sustainable ecosystem that supports the prosperity of present and future generations.

Mission

To lead a science based, results driven, publicly embraced partnership to implement the Action Agenda for the restoration and protection of Puget Sound.

Background

Governor Gregoire and the Legislature charged the Puget Sound Partnership to create and implement an Action Agenda that reverses declines and restores the health of the ecosystem while maintaining the prosperity of the region.

Our Action Agenda prioritizes the work and investments needed to protect, restore, and cleanup Puget Sound. It serves as a statement of common purpose across Puget Sound and forms the basis for cooperation and collaboration among implementing partners. We use it to help coordinate federal, state, local, tribal and private resources. We base decisions on science, focus on actions that have the biggest results, and hold agencies organizations accountable for results.

The Partnership agency is organized to fulfill the charges in statute and our specific responsibilities identified in the Action Agenda.

Programs

Executive Management:

The Executive Management team is responsible for the strategic leadership and management oversight of the Puget Sound Partnership.

Finance & Administration:

The Finance & Administration team fulfills the agency's financial and administrative operations necessary to support Action Agenda implementation. The team has oversight of agency budget preparation and administrative, contracts, grants, purchasing, information technology, and facilities.

Performance Management:

The Performance Management team is responsible for overseeing and implementing the Partnership's Performance Management system by working collaboratively with key stakeholders to assess the health of Puget Sound and to determine the effectiveness of the Partnership's ecosystem recovery programs as spelled out in the Action Agenda.

Planning & Policy Action Agenda Management and Implementation:

The Planning and Policy team leads the planning and policy development work of the Puget Sound Partnership. They develop, manage, adapt and update the Action Agenda implementation strategies and actions to protect and restore the Puget Sound ecosystem.

Technical Programs:

The Technical Program team provides analysis and advice on key ecosystem recovery programs to support development and implementation of the Action Agenda. Primary areas of expertise are represented based on Action Agenda strategic priorities and agency priorities.

Science & Monitoring Program:

The Science and Monitoring Program Team lead the development and execution of a strategic science program as a critical element for restoring and protecting the Puget Sound ecosystem. The Team is responsible for developing a strategic science program; preparing biennial science work plans and Puget Sound science updates; compiling, synthesizing and providing information on the effects of recovery actions; and facilitating the Partnership's use of an adaptive management framework to revise Action Agenda implementation strategies.

Ecosystem & Salmon Recovery:

The Ecosystem & Salmon Recovery team works with salmon recovery watershed groups, tribes, state agencies, federal agencies, local governments and non-profits around Puget Sound to implement the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan. The team also works with local communities to implement the Action Agenda for cleaning up, restoring, and protecting Puget Sound by 2020.

Public Engagement and Board Operations:

The Public Engagement and Board Operations team is responsible for leading the social strategies of the Action Agenda, providing agency communications and supporting the work of the Partnership's boards. This group manages ECO Net, a regional coalition of environmental outreach practitioners, to advance public awareness and beneficial practices by Puget Sound residents; agency communications including news media, web, publications and social media applications to stay connected with the public and our many partners. Additionally, this team supports and facilitates the important work of the Leadership Council, the Science Panel and the Ecosystem Coordination Board.